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SOL T. STEELE, CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY.

Oil Men Arrive by the Score.

That a real oil boom is now on there can be no doubt. Every train that comes from the North brings new faces to our little city. They have the appearance of men of business and thrift and are making a hard scramble for territory. There are several rigs now in operation and within the next thirty days drilling will begin in real earnest. In all parts of the county drilling machines will be running day and night as they did in the days of 1900 and 1912.

"Bone Dry" Plan Receives Approval.

Washington, March 8.—President Wilson has signed the post-office appropriation bill containing the "bone dry" prohibition provision.

The "bone dry" provision of the postal bill is the most far-reaching prohibition legislation ever enacted by the federal government—in fact, it is the first direct legislation by the government prohibiting the liquor traffic.

At least fourteen States which have prohibition laws, but do not prohibit the importation of certain quantities of liquor for personal use, will be made "bone dry" by the new law which prohibits the importation of liquor into any State that prohibits "its manufacture and sale." State legislation, recently passed and

about to become effective within the next few weeks, will increase the number of "bone dry" States to at least twenty-two.

The same bill prohibits delivery in the mails of any publication or correspondence bearing liquor advertising in States which, by their own laws, prohibit such advertising within their borders.

Steele a Strong Candidate.

Sol T. Steele, candidate for the Republican nomination for County Attorney of Knox, whose announcement appears in the ADVOCATE, is making a favorable impression with the voters. Knox county will need for its County Attorney the coming four years a capable, trustworthy official, as well as good safe men for other county offices. Our people should be careful and far-sighted in the selection of county officers. Sol T. Steele is qualified for the duties of this important office, and, if nominated and elected County Attorney, he can be trusted to do his whole duty in the conduct of the affairs of the office and for the welfare of the people of Knox county.

Mr. Steele was born and reared in this county, taught school and afterward attended law school at Valparaiso University, and has been, for several years, prominent as a lawyer at the Knox county bar. This is the first time he has ever offered for a

THE FARMERS' OPPORTUNITY

By J. M. ROBSON, President First National Bank.

This year—1917—offers the greatest opportunity for successful and profitable farming to the farmer that has been known for more than half a century. The country is confronted with an extraordinary condition. There is wonderful activity along the lines of industry. Prices are soaring.

The warring nations of Europe are literally "Eating it up." There never has been, for fifty years, such a demand for farm products and at such high prices. The farmer, long ignored, has certainly come into his own. Wheat \$2 per bushel, corn \$1.25, potatoes \$3 and \$4, onions \$5, hogs \$13.50 per hundred pounds on foot in market, and other things in proportion and going up.

The cabbage head, ignored by the farmers last fall, is now worth 15 cents per pound in Barbourville.

If the war in Europe continues throughout this year (and there is little doubt but what it will, with additional nations involved) prices can only go one way and this is up; but, whatever the result of the war, it is likely that the prices of farm products will be good for at least two years, and, perhaps, for four years.

The English government recognizing this fact, has guaranteed to the English farmer the present high prices for the next three years in order to induce increased production of the farms.

Knox county farmers must help to feed the country. This is your opportunity. Every farm in Knox county should be run this year to its full capacity and everything good to eat should be saved.

We are now paying nearly \$2.50 per bushel for potatoes right here in Barbourville, and they will cost more than that if you get them from the city. Anyone can raise potatoes. If your soil is not fertile enough, you can meet this requirement by using some manure or fertilizer. An acre of good potatoes should yield about 200 bushels, and, in some soils, they will yield 400 bushels. At the price of \$2, or even \$1 per bushel, one can readily see that this is now one of the great money crops of the country. This is a year, more than any others, in which you can afford to invest in fertilizer and be certain of a good big yield, because you can feel sure of receiving high prices for your products. I have been talking to some of my farmer friends and urging them to raise large crops, and some of them have said to me that many farmers of the county will be prevented from putting in big crops for want of seed, tools, mules, etc. Owing to the attractive prices, the farmers have sold too clean. They have not left the seed. I trust that no man in Knox county will be prevented from putting in a big crop for want of these things. We have always looked upon the farmer as the source of wealth and the real strength of the nation. The farm not only produces the necessities of life but it also produces a large percentage of the statesmen and successful business and professional men of the country.

The First National Bank of Barbourville wants to see every farmer in Knox county have an opportunity to take advantage of these splendid prices, and this bank wants to help the farmers of Knox county who need seed, tools and stock to put in a good big crop and this bank will make a special effort to assist this class of men, and therefore if you have the land and want to put in a good crop and do not have the money to buy the seed, fertilizer, tools or stock, come to the First National Bank, and we will be glad to lend you the money. It does not require a large quantity of potatoes to put in a big crop, if they are properly planted. The best potato growers never put more than one eye to the place and from twelve to fifteen inches apart, but you are wasting your seed unless the soil is fertile naturally, or made so by manure or fertilizer. Everything produced on the farm this year, from the tomato to the fat beef, will bring high prices.

We also want to emphasize the importance of fruit growing in Eastern Kentucky. With proper care of the trees Eastern Kentucky, some day, will become famous for its fine and perfect fruits. We, however, have to fight the San Jose Scale, other insects and blights. This can only be done by proper spraying. These insects and blights are the causes of our trees dying, the fruit falling off before maturity, being knotty and wormy. This can all be avoided by proper spraying and care of the trees. Thousands of dollars are lost every year to the farmers of Knox county by the destruction of their trees, not considering the enormous loss in fruit. It has been conservatively estimated by men who know that Knox county loses every year on its fruit trees and fruits more than \$50,000 because of the neglect of the trees. In order to show our farmers the importance of spraying, this bank proposes to lend, without interest, for two years, to any man or group of men, in each precinct of the county, sufficient money to buy the necessary spraying outfit and materials with which to spray their trees. We suggest that from three to ten farmers in each precinct buy one of these outfits and materials. It will not cost more than about \$40. The spray will cost about \$20 and materials about \$20, and these could be used for several years by several precincts. Your fruit, if free from worms and blights, will command high prices. One hundred good apple trees, properly cared for, will make you more clear money than is made from the best farm in Knox county at present. We do hope that some farmer, or groups of farmers, in each precinct of the county will take up this proposition and test it out. You would be rendering a great service to yourself and to your community.

county office, although a true-blue Republican and, for a long time, an active worker in the party ranks and for the advancement of the Republican cause. He will make an active campaign, and his friends claim he will be winner in the race at the August primary.

Strike At Straight Creek.

It is said there is a strike of all the miners on Straight Creek and at the Moss mines. Well, we have been looking for something of this kind to happen for a long time. They would strike here, but it is not necessary for them to do so. They fix the price and the consumer has it to pay.

In the last month people have been caught without coal, and were compelled to pay it, and the fellows who happened to have the coal at any price and the coal was out of coal had

it to pay. Coal went from \$1.50 and \$1.75 to \$5 per ton, or rather per load, which, in some cases, would weigh about 1,800 pounds.

We do not blame any man for getting all they can in this world, but we believe it should be passed around a little. Any man can handle coal after it is brought to light, but the man who risks going under the mountain after it is the man who should have the increase, if there be any. A legitimate strike, one that is free from riots and other violations, but we do not believe in violating the law to enforce a strike, if there is any way at all to avert it.

How About Your Auto License?

The city authorities are not going to RUN YOU DOWN to tell you it is a fine to run your car WITHOUT A LICENSE. If you are caught and fined, who are you going to BLAME? (18-2t)



E. J. WYRICK.

We present herewith the cut of E. J. Wyrick, who announced in the columns of the ADVOCATE some time ago for the nomination for Jailor. Mr. Wyrick is not a stranger to anyone of the citizens of Barbourville. He has been favorably and well known here for many years. Not only in this city has he been known, but the man from the country knows him because he has been one of them, having been reared on the farm, and, being a farmer now, we need not try to tell them they are not well acquainted with him.

Mr. Wyrick has always been a Republican, voting and working hard for its principles and assisting every nominee of his party in every election since he has been a voter. Mr. Wyrick is a good campaigner, and a more clever man has never come before the voters of Knox county seeking an office. He, nor any one of his long train of kinsmen, have ever held, or asked to hold, any office in the county. He would not have been a candidate had it not been at the solicitation of his many warm friends all over the county who know him and know his real worth. Mr. Wyrick comes of a good law-abiding family. He is strictly sober, with a will and sufficient energy to fill this office in the way it should be filled. He will, if elected, be found at his post of duty, treating all alike, irrespective of his politics, religion, race or color. He asks your support, and promises to give you such service, if elected, that you are entitled to, and to make you an officer that you will feel proud of after the election.

The springtime will soon be here, and Mr. Wyrick will lose no time in seeing the voters of the county and telling them what he intends to do when elected. He has great encouragement from all over the county, especially where he is known, for to know him is to be for him in most anything that he would ask at your hand.

He will stay in the fight to the finish, and you can wager that the man who stays in sight of him will be going some.

Hale--Addington.

Monday night at 12 o'clock the rites of matrimony were solemnized at the Luncheonette between John H. Hale of North Carolina and Miss Maud G. Addington of Wise, Va., by the Rev. Creal.

These young people made it appear to their friends that they were running away to be married, though they were both over twenty-one years of age. They left on train No. 31 for Norton, Va., where they will make their future home.

Mrs. Wiley Hammons died at her home on Goose Creek last week.

Now In It for Himself.

Sol T. Steele, a well known Barbourville attorney, has entered the race for his party's nomination for County Attorney of Knox county. Mr. Steele has long been prominent in g. o. p. affairs in his section of the State, especially as one of the active managers of Judge Flem D. Sampson in the latter's three successful races, twice for Circuit Judge and more recently for Judge of the Court of Appeals, and, if he can do as well for himself, he ought to prove a hard proposition for his competitors. —Louisville (Ky.) Times.

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